

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action, claim 1 has been amended. Claim 2 has been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1 and 3-7 are currently pending.

Claims 2, 3, 5 and 7 have been indicated as being allowable if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations of the base and any intervening claims.

Allowable claim 2 has been cancelled and the subject matter thereof now appears in amended claim 1. Accordingly, claims 1 and 3-7 are allowable.

A prompt passage to issuance is therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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